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FOUR TIME CONVICTED FELON FROM OHIO COUNTY PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **CHRISTOPHER B. RAYMOND**, age 44, of 1324 Chestnut Lane, Beaver Dam, plead guilty on November 17, 2006, to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Raymond faces a maximum sentence of ten years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine, and up to three years on supervised release.

Raymond admitted during his plea that on December 23, 2005, he possessed a Browning .12 gauge shotgun which he pawned at the Old Town Pawn Shop in Hartford, Kentucky. Prior to possessing the shotgun, **Raymond** was convicted of three separate felony offenses in Ohio County, Kentucky, and one felony offense in Livingston, County, Kentucky.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Bennett, and

it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Raymond is scheduled to be sentenced on February 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in United States

District Court in Owensboro, Kentucky by United States District Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr.

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